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SUBJ: CODEL BUMPERS

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1. PRIOR REF. A, EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS FOR SENATOR WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI. EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE ARE THE MOST APPROPRIATE VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS FOR SENATOR TO MEET, BEARING IN MIND HIS INTEREST IN THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. RE F.

A HOWEVER, REQUESTED MEETING WITH ECONOMIC MINISTER. IN VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MINISTERS DEALING WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC POLICY. IF THE SENATOR WOULD INDICATE HIS PARTICULAR INTEREST, EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH H

MINISTER WHOSE PORTFOLIO MOST CLOSELY MATCHES SENATOR'S INTEREST. THESE VARIOUS MINISTERS ARE: MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC PLANNING, MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, ETC.), MINISTER FOR THE INVESTMENT FUND. UNLESS SENATOR BUMPERS HAS A SPECIFIC INTEREST IN DISCUSSING ONE OF THESE ECONOMIC AREAS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS HE MEET WITH PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER AND POSSIBLY MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

2. VENEZUELAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (VENAMCHAM) WOULD LIKE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO OFFER A LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 12:00 NOON FOR SENATOR BUMPERS AND SENATOR MCGOVERN, WHO WILL ALSO BE IN CARACAS ON THAT DATE. LUNCHEON WOULD BE ATTENDED BY 20 MAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VENAMCHAM, AS WELL AS BOTH SENATORS AND THEIR PARTIES.

VENAMCHAM WOULD BE PLEASED IF BOTH SENATORS WOULD SPEAK BRIEFLY ON THEMES OF THEIR CHOICE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT VENAMCHAM HAS NOT

REPEAT NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES BECAUSE OF
INTERNAL DIFFERENCES.

3. THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ROOMS IN CARACAS AND
PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF REF. A, EMBASSY HAD TRIED AND FAILED TO GET
RESERVATIONS AT CARACAS HILTON. INSTEAD, EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO GET
RESERVATIONS AT ANAUCO HILTON WHICH IS A FIRST CLASS APARTMENT HOTEL
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CARACAS HILTON. RESERVATIONS CONSIST OF
ONE SINGLE ROOM FOR SENATOR BUMPERS AND AN APARTMENT WITH THREE
SEPARATE BEDROOMS AND TWO BATHS FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF CODEL.

4. CONTROL OFFICERS ARE CAPT. (USN) DALE LEWEY, NAVAL ATTACHE
AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR, MYLES FRECHETTE.
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